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TO THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE OF THE USSR
MARSHAL OF THE SOVIET UNION
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I am reporting

On 14 December of this year in the area 230 kilometers southwest of Tuapse (lat 43 deg 15 min , long 35 deg 80 min) an American RB-57 aircraft suffered an accident and crashed into the sea

Due to the importance and strong tactical-technical characteristics of this aircraft, the Black Sea Fleet was ordered to direct efforts towards a search for the downed aircraft The search was conducted during 17 and 18 December of this year by the guided missile ship "Prozorlivyj" and the expeditionary [search] vessel "Sarychev "

As a result of the search, at 0650 hours on 18 December of this year, the expeditionary vessel "Sarychev" discovered a wing of the aircraft, length approximately 20 meters, and remnants of the engine and fuselage [The "Sarychev"] raised [this material] on board and is on a course for Sevastopol

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On 14 December of this year, between 1229 hours and 1554 hours, over the neutral waters of the Black Sea, the country's PVO [Anti-Air Defense] Troops tracked the flight of a foreign aircraft, presumedly an RB-57F, by radio-technical means

The flight occured at an altitude of 18,000 to 20,000 meters and at a distance of 130 to 180 kilometers from the border of the territorial waters of the Soviet Union At 1516 hours, the aircraft began to descend from an altitude of 18,000 meters with an average vertical speed of 6 meters per second At 1554 hours in the area 210 kilometers southeast of Yalta, at an altitude of 5,000 meters, [the aircraft] left the detection zone of our radio-technical capabilities

On 16 December, the AP news agency reported from Istanbul that an American B-57 aircraft, due to an accident, crashed into the Black Sea 140 kilometers north of Samsun This report was intercepted by the 39th radar regiment "OSNAZ" [special purpose detachment] of the Bakin Okrug, PVO

From 15 through 19 December of this year, in the area where the reconaissance aircraft crashed, 26 foreign aircraft were noted at altitudes of 4000 to 11000 meters From radio intercept data of the 39th radar regiment "OSNAZ", it must be assumed that these aircraft conducted a search for the downed RB-57F aircraft

On 18 December of this year, at 0430 hours in the area 100 kilometers northeast of Sinop, during a search by the Red Banner Black Sea Fleet for the American RB-57f aircraft which suffered an accident on 14 December, the hydrographic ship "Sarychev" discovered and raised from the sea parts of the downed aircraft the left wing together with the engine nacelle and remnants of the engine, the center wing section without the lower portion, two meters of the right wing (from the fuselage to the engine nacelle)

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At 1900 hours 18 Dec 1965, all of these aircraft parts were delivered to Sevastopol

On 19 December at 1545 hours, wing parts, nozzles and an aircraft wheel were found in the sea by our trawler [These materials] were also delivered to Sevastopol

These parts of the American aircraft, which had been discovered, were raised, delivered, and unloaded in Sevastopol During that time, our ships did not encounter foreign vessels and aircraft

Searches for aircraft remains are on-going

Presentations for the U S and Turkish governments in connection with the stated reconaissance aircraft's flight are being prepared by the Ministry of Defense jointly with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR

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